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SUBJECT: PRINCE FAHD LETTER CONCERNING U.S.-SAUDI WORKING GROUPS

REF: A. STATE 138124; B. JIDDA 3855

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRINCE FAHD TO  
AMBASSADOR AKINS WHICH REPLIES TO A LETTER FROM THE  
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AMBASSADOR FORWARDING A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE VISIT  
OF SECRETARY SIMON AND THE WORKING GROUPS (REF A). THE  
UNDATED LETTER WAS DELIVERED JULY 4. QUOTE:

DEAR AMBASSADOR AKINS:

(PARA) THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 29,  
1974 (9/6/1394H). I WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT H.E.  
WILLIAM SIMON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, PLANS TO VISIT  
OUR COUNTRY.

(PARA) AS YOU KNOW IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT THIS VISIT  
BE MADE IN OCTOBER 1974 FOR THE HOLDING OF THE FIRST  
MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION COMMISSION RIGHT AFTER  
THE FOUR WORKING GROUPS HAD FINISHED THEIR TASKS, IN ORDER  
TO DISCUSS THEIR WORK AND AGREE ON THE STEPS TO BE EXECUTED  
IN THIS RESPECT.

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(PARA) THE NEW SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY YOU FALLS ON THE 28TH JAMAD II, 1394 H. (JULY 18) WHEREAS THE STATE'S FISCAL YEAR STARTS IN THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT MONTH, RAJAB (JULY 20). THEREFORE, ALL RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE IN HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WILL BE BUSY, AS USUAL, DURING THE LAST PART OF THE MONTH OF JAMAD II WITH MAKING THE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEW BUDGET. THEIR PRE-OCCUPATION WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF RAJAB (JULY 20-AUG 18) TO PUT THE BUDGET INTO EFFECT.

(PARA) FOR THESE REASONS, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF AMENDING THE VISIT SCHEDULE OF THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY TO OUR COUNTRY IN ORDER THAT HIS VISIT TAKE PLACE IN BETTER CIRCUMSTANCES TO ENABLE ME AND MY OTHER CONCERNED COLLEAGUES IN HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO HAVE WIDE AND FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IF THERE IS A DIFFICULTY IN AMENDING THE VISIT SCHEDULE AND H.E. THE SECRETARY WISHES TO VISIT OUR COUNTRY IN ORDER TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH ASPECTS OF OUR DEVELOPMENT AND TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRY AND TO TALK TO THEM WITH REGARD TO CONSOLIDATING OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS, HE WILL BE FULLY WELCOME. HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL COUNTING ON THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY BEING MADE AS ORIGINALLY DECIDED IN OCTOBER AFTER THE WORKING GROUPS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TASKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY YOU.

(PARA) I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT THE CONCERN AND CARE OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WITH GOING AHEAD WITH THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROGRAM WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, WITH CONSOLIDATING THIS PROGRAM AND STRENGTHENING IT, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THAT THIS PROGRAM WILL BE OF GREAT HELP TO OUR COUNTRY AND TO THE STRONG RELATIONS WHICH TIES OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY RETURN FROM THE UNITED STATES I BEGAN TO DRAW UP THE NECESSARY EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

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THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS FOR THE WORKING GROUPS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED. MOREOVER, THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY, IN THE CAPACITY OF REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT ON THE JOINT COMMITTEE, HAS ASSUMED THE TASK OF SUPERVISION TO IMPLEMENT THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND TO COORDINATE WHAT IS NECESSARY.

(PARA) I HOPE THAT I MAY RECEIVE A PROMPT REPLY  
IN THIS CONNECTION AND AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OCCA-  
SION TO WISH YOU GOOD HEALTH AND A RAPID RECOVERY.  
FAHD BIN ABDUL AZIZ, SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER  
END QUOTE

2. FAHD'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, MAHMOUD MALHAS, WHO  
DELIVERED THE LETTER SAID THAT THE WORKING GROUP  
SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN THE LETTER WAS THAT PRO-  
POSED WHILE FAHD WAS IN WASHINGTON AND WHICH  
FORESAW WORKING GROUPS HOLDING THEIR FIRST MEETINGS  
IN THE FALL. MALHAS HAS SINCE INFORMED US THAT  
THIS IS INCORRECT AND THAT PRINCE FAHD IS AGREEABLE  
TO WORKING GROUPS MEETING IN JULY AS LATER PROPOSED  
(REF A).  
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